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## LODI WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT, BANK FRAUD, AND CONSPIRACY

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that KRISTINA ALYSSE YOUNG, 23, pled guilty before United States District Judge David F. Levi to three felony offenses relating to fraud and identity theft.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, with the assistance of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, YOUNG was convicted for her participation in a conspiracy to commit bank fraud with checks and financial information stolen from vehicles and U.S. Mail boxes. YOUNG and her conspirators, AMANDA GREENMYER, 21, and TAMMY LYNN MAHAN, 40, who have both previously pleaded guilty, altered the stolen checks, then forged and attempted to cash the checks to defraud retailers in the San Joaquin County area. YOUNG possessed and used identification documents for various victims so that she could pose as payees or true account holders in order to cash the stolen and forged checks. YOUNG was convicted of one count of conspiracy, one count of bank fraud, and one count of aggravated identity theft. YOUNG was on California state probation at the time she committed her offenses.

YOUNG faces a maximum possible sentence of 37 years imprisonment. For YOUNG's use of another's identification to commit bank fraud – the aggravated identity theft conviction – federal law provides a minimum mandatory two year sentence of imprisonment to run consecutively to whatever sentence is given for YOUNG's conspiracy and bank fraud schemes. YOUNG also faces a fine of up to \$1,500,000 and federal supervision for five years after service of her federal prison term. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

YOUNG is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Levi on June 7, 2007. YOUNG was remanded into custody after entry of her guilty pleas.